



# The OLD DOMINION Packard CLUB

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## Seasons' Greetings



## Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

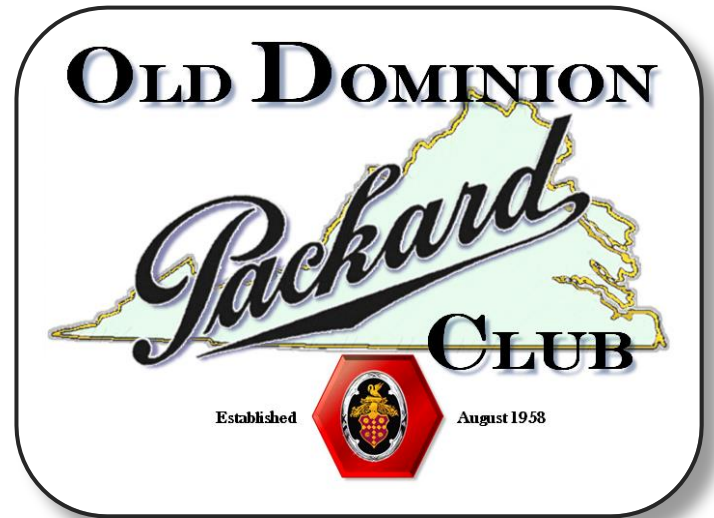
Cars from the Old Dominion Packard Club and Keystone Packard Club park around the statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee at the site of the Southern line of troops ready for the launch of Pickett's Charge, the July 3, 1863 attack against the Union line across the rolling field.



# In Our Seventh Decade ...

The Old Dominion Packard Club was founded in 1958 to preserve and enjoy Packard automobiles, as well as the interesting and diverse history of the Packard Motor Car Company. The idea for club came from Herb Hulvey (First ODPC President, 1958 to 1962). Postcards were sent to all known Virginia Packard owners proposing the establishment of a club devoted to the Packard marque, since it was clear that Packards would no longer be built.

The Old Dominion Packard Club is independent and not affiliated with any other organization. The Club holds two functions each year — a Spring Tour held during the fourth weekend of April and a Fall Tour during the fourth weekend of October. Cars are judged every other year during the Fall Tour. Dues for the Old Dominion Packard Club are \$30 annually.



**Our website is: [olddominionpackardclub.org](http://olddominionpackardclub.org)**

## Old Dominion Packard Club Officers

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<b>Craig Coulombe</b>	<b>Newsletter Editor &amp; Projects</b>	

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### District Representatives

<b>Glenn Koogler</b>	<b>Western &amp; Southwestern Virginia</b>	<b>Bob Woolfitt</b>	<b>Southeastern Virginia</b>
<b>Blair Hildebrand</b>	<b>South of Virginia</b>	<b>Lynn Shirey</b>	<b>No. Virginia &amp; Maryland</b>
<b>Jon Hatfield</b>	<b>Central Virginia</b>	<b>Andrew Rosen</b>	<b>Pennsylvania</b>

**We want to hear from you! This newsletter is your newsletter and we welcome stories, updates, member deaths, and member car sales. Please send information and photos (electronic preferred) to Craig Coulombe, 3148, Borge St., Oakton, VA 22124 or via email at [coulombe@cox.net](mailto:coulombe@cox.net). Thank you!**

### Upcoming Events

<b>April 25-28, 2019</b>	<b>Blacksburg, VA</b>	<b>ODPC Spring Tour</b>
<b>October 21-25, 2020</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>ODPC Fall Meet</b>

# OLD DOMINION PACKARD CLUB FALL MEET

GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA  
OCT. 23 TO 27, 2019



*Photo by Mary Coulombe*



Members from the Old Dominion Packard Club joined with Keystone Packard Club members for the ODPC Fall Tour. We shared destinations, meals, drives, friendship, and our mutual love of Packard automobiles.

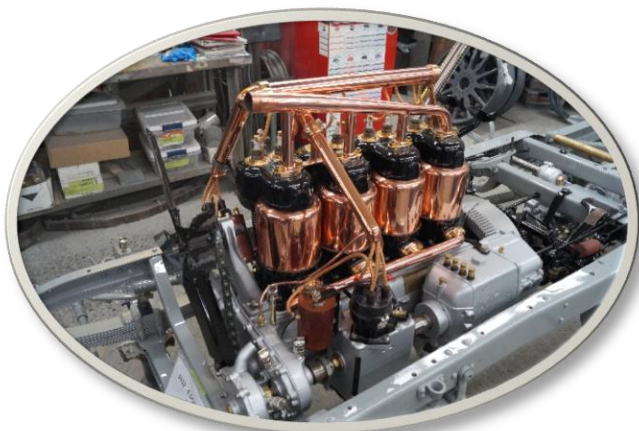
Special thanks to our hosts, Faith Blee and Andrew Rosen



**ODPC and Keystone Packard Club cars parked at Frank Buck's collection on Friday, Oct. 25.**



**Our first stop on Thursday, Oct. 24, was Al Prueitt & Sons' Prueitt Automotive Restoration shop in Glenn Rock, PA. A 1932 Studebaker restored by Prueitt won Best in Class at the Pebble Beach Concours in August 2017**



**Attention to detail are evident in this 1912 Cadillac engine currently being restored**



**Glenn & Charlotte Koogler admire a Dietrich Packard**



**4 Tom Brooks, ODPK and Keystone members listen to a National Park ranger discuss the Eisenhower home**

**Right: Detail of a Woodlite headlight**





Lynn Shirey admires Frank Buck's 1932 Twin-Six Dietrich bodied convertible sedan

Craig Coulombe, left, checks out a World War II Sherman tank, on the right, and a giant transport truck

## Frank Buck Collection of Cars, and Military Vehicles and Antiques



U.S. Gen Mark Clark's helmet



# Eastern Museum of Motor Racing

Clare Brooks and Jim Ridenour pass a museum race car

Club members tour the displays of new and old race cars



## SATURDAY DRIVING TOUR OF GETTYSBURG BATTLEFIELD



Miles White and Mark Fingerholz in the Gettysburg Battlefield Park Visitors Center



Barry Lowe with his 1931 opera coupe



All in the family ...  
Left, Joe Rosen with a 1948 Custom



Right, Faith Blee and Andrew Rosen with his 1936 Eight Victoria



Al Becker stands with his stunning 1930 745 roadster



Pennsylvania Memorial

# Friends at the 2019 Fall Tour Closing Banquet



Tamara &  
Jim Ridenour



Chris & Denise Overcash



Miles White, Lynn Shirey, Claudette Obenschain



Fara & Chris Harris-Evans



Lynn Shirey & Barry Lowe



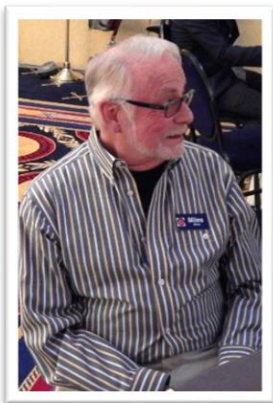
Don Kahler & Lynn Shirey



Joe and Andrew Rosen perform on their bagpipes  
for people at the Closing Banquet



Glenn & Charlotte Koogler



Miles  
White



Andrew Rosen and Don Kahler



Robert Adams and Barry Lowe



Richard & Claudette Obenschain



Robert Adams and Al Becker

# Parting Shots ...



A pack of Packard people ...



Above, Andrew Rosen, Chris & Fara Harris-Evans, Richard Obenschain



Aidan Karalevicz



Right, Faith Blee, Robert Adams, Claudette Obenschain



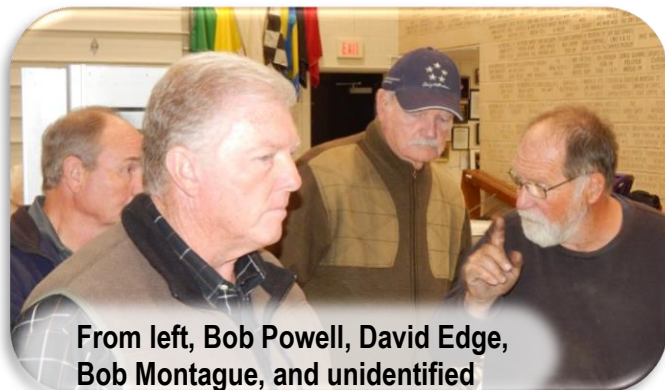
Our cars parked near Minnesota Memorial



Jon Hatfield



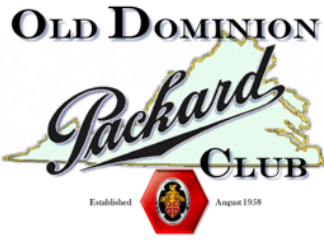
No tour is complete without one of these!



From left, Bob Powell, David Edge, Bob Montague, and unidentified



Taking a load off ...



# 2020 Membership Registration/ Renewal Form



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Home: - - - - - Cell: - - - - - Work: - - - - -

Packard(s) Owned – For Membership Directory (Packard ownership not required for membership)

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Body No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Model No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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Year that you joined the Old Dominion Packard Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Dues: (These are for calendar year & include spouse) \_\_\_\_\_ \$30.<sup>00</sup>

Member Name Badge with Packard Crest Number of badges: \_\_\_\_\_ Price per badge: \$9.<sup>00</sup>  
Badge Total Due: \$ .<sup>00</sup>

Name on badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on badge: \_\_\_\_\_ Sub-total: \$ .<sup>00</sup>

Cloisonné ODPC bumper badge: \$70.<sup>00</sup> No. ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Due: \$ .<sup>00</sup>

Shipping (ea.) \$5.<sup>00</sup> Sub-Total: \$ .<sup>00</sup>

Date of 2020 Payment: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed: \$ .<sup>00</sup>

Make check payable to: Old Dominion Packard Club

Mail this application & check to: Craig Coulombe, 3148 Borge St., Oakton, VA 22124

The Old Dominion Packard Club holds two overnight events per year — Spring Tour on the fourth weekend in April and Fall Meet & judging held on the fourth weekend in October. Meet locations vary. Our ODPC Newsletter is published quarterly and contains information on club activities. Please join us!



## OLD DOMINION PACKARD CLUB SPRING TOUR 2020

**April 22 to 26, 2020**

### **Hampton Inn**

**1050 South Main Street**

**Holly Springs, NC**

**(919) 552-7610**

\$112 to \$122 per night, includes free breakfast

Trailer/Truck parking at the hotel

Cut-off date for reservations: March 23, 2020 for Club rate

### **Wednesday, April 22, 2020**

Early Bird Dinner at the home of Robert and Gwen Adams, Holly Springs, NC. Barbecue and chicken from City BBQ. 4 miles from the Hampton Inn.

### **Thursday, April 23, 2020**

Leave hotel at 9 a.m. Drive to the **U.S. Army Airborne and Special Operations Museum** in Fayetteville, NC (100 miles round trip). Free tour of the Airborne Museum.

At noon, we will have lunch at **Grandfather's Sons**, an African-American owned southern buffet about 12 minutes

from the museum. The cost is about \$11, paid individually when you enter the restaurant.

On our way back we will stop at **East Coast Classics**, a consignment car shopping experience. They sell internationally and have about 100 to 125 cars onsite. The tour is free.

We will return to the hotel around 3:30 to 4 p.m.

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At 5:30 p.m., we will leave for dinner at the **Bass Lake Restaurant**. Weather permitting, we will sit outside under the restaurant metal roof. The restaurant is about 4 miles from the hotel. Dinner paid for individually.

# SPRING TOUR 2020

## Friday, April 24, 2020

Driving tour will be a 120-mile round trip.

Our first stop is **Lowe Plantation**, Liberty, NC

The club is in for a very special day. ODPC member Barry Lowe has graciously offered our club a visit to his restoration garage. He has 15 pre-war cars, brands that include Packard, Rolls-Royce, Cord, and Hudson. He will demonstrate making babbits and metal forming techniques.



We will then have a catered lunch at Barry's shop/house around 11:30 a.m.

After lunch we will tour Barry's house. He has very high end and rare paintings/art, military battle flags, a large 1876 pool table, and other significant antiques set in a beautiful house.

We will return to the hotel at 2 p.m. The ODPC Board will meet at 4 p.m.

At 6 p.m. we will have dinner at Hickory Tavern, which is about 1 mile from the hotel. The cost is \$10 to \$15. Order off the menu.

## Saturday, April 25, 2020

At 9 a.m., we leave the hotel for a 65-mile round trip, first to the **Ava Gardner Museum** in Smithfield, NC.

After our tour of the museum, we will have lunch at **Hope's BBQ, Chicken, and Seafood**. Order off the menu.

After lunch we drive back to the hotel.

The **ODPC Closing Banquet** will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at the **Devil's Ridge Golf Course** in Holly Springs, NC.

## Sunday, April 26, 2020

Farewell breakfast and return home.

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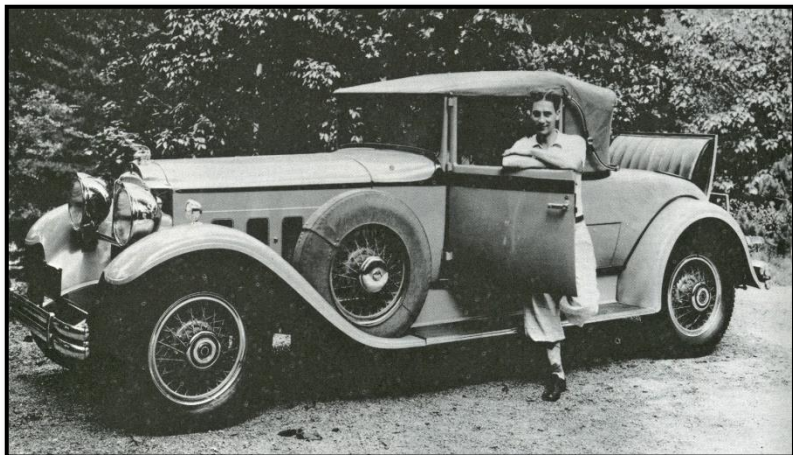
**Note:** Our Welcome Bags will contain only have North Carolina products and most of the tour roads are rural and less traveled.

Host: **Robert Adams**, 919-618-3239 [robert\\_adams@med.unc.edu](mailto:robert_adams@med.unc.edu)

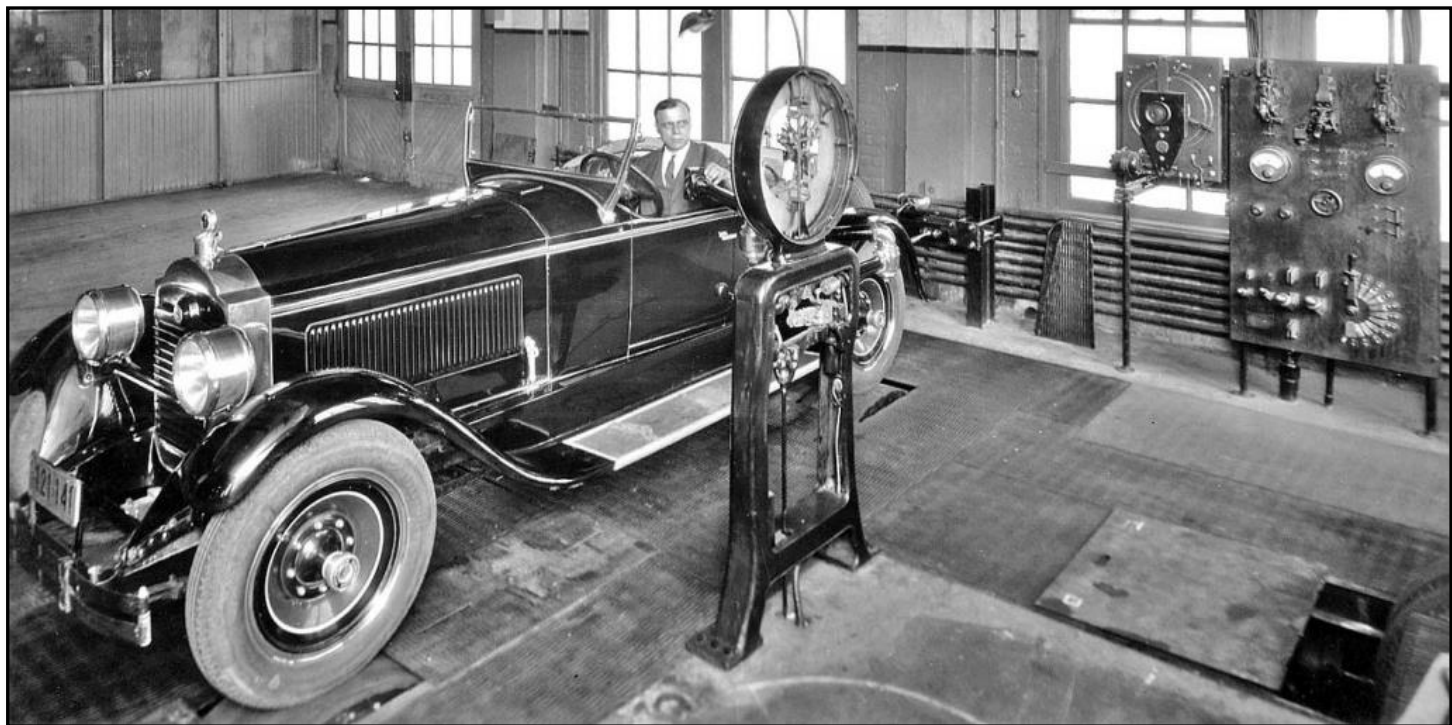
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The Marx Brothers were a highly successful stage act in 1929 when they made *Cocoanuts* for Paramount Pictures. Flush with real money coming in, Groucho Marx decided to buy a new car. He chose this 1930 Packard 740 Custom Eight convertible with a folding landau top and rumble seat. This car was painted "Straw" color and came with wire wheels, a rear trunk, and at least one spare tire. He lived in Great Neck, New York at the time. Packard made 36,364 vehicles in 1930, of which 6,200 were model 740 Custom Eights. This car likely disappeared once Groucho sold it. In all likelihood, this was probably the first new luxury car he owned, but it wouldn't be his last!



This dark-colored Packard roadster was photographed on a chassis dynamometer in an Engineering Test Lab at a special garage building near the Packard factory complex in Detroit, Michigan in 1927. This 336 Third Series 8 was produced between August of 1926 and July of 1927. The 384.8 c.i. L-head eight-cylinder engine produced 106 horsepower, which passed through a two-plate dry clutch and a three-speed transmission to a rear axle equipped with a standard 4.33 to 1 gear ratio. The roadster being tested is restrained by large-diameter steel rods attached to a triple I-beam structure with the two vertical leas cast into the concrete floor.